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Further information on UA 193/89 (ASA 21/06/89, 19 June) - Fear of Ill-Treatment

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR: Elias PEREIRA MONIZ
and: Fernando DE ARAUJO
Carlos DA SILVA LOPES
Lucas DA COSTA
Joao DOS REIS
Avelino COELHO DA SILVA
Agapito CARDOSA
Marciano GARCIA DA SILVA
Miguel AMARAL GUTERRES

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Amnesty International has received further information about the East Timorese students who sought asylum on 19 June 1989 at the embassies of Japan and the Vatican in Jakarta.

It is now known that six East Timorese, and not seven as originally reported, requested asylum. The four who had entered the Vatican Embassy, Joao dos Reis, Avelino Coelho da Silva, Agapito Cardosa and Marciano Garcia da Silva, left on the evening of 20 June, reportedly after receiving guarantees of safety. They are said to be in the "protection" of former Vice-Governor of East Timor Mr Francisco Lopez da Cruz. The two who had entered the Japanese Embassy, Carlos da Silva Lopes and Fernando de Araujo, reportedly left with similar guarantees of safety on the evening of 21 June. Mr Lopez da Cruz reportedly said that the government would not impose any sanctions on the students.

A spokesman for the Vatican is reported to have said, "These people are afraid of torture and that they might be arrested. We are seeking assurances from the government." (Reuters news agency, 20 June 1989). Officials of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported on 22 June that the Embassy had received a promise from the Indonesian Government that the students would not be arrested.

Amnesty International welcomes the news that the safety of the six East Timorese students has been guaranteed. However, it remains concerned for the safety of three other East Timorese students, Elias Pereira Moniz, Lucas da Costa and Miguel Amaral Guterres, whose whereabouts are not known. Elias Pereira Moniz, a student at Udayana University, was reportedly detained by military men in plain clothes on 14 June in Denpasar, Bali. Lucas da Costa and Miguel Amaral Guterres were among the group of East Timorese students who fled to Jakarta after the arrest of Moniz, apparently out of fear that they too would be detained.

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FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send further telegrams/airmail letters:

- welcoming the news that the safety of the six East Timorese students seeking political asylum has been guaranteed, and that the government would neither arrest nor impose sanctions on them;

- expressing concern at reports of the arrest in Bali of East Timorese student Elias Pereira Moniz on 14 June 1989, and seeking clarification of the reasons for his arrest;

- urging that his whereabouts be clarified and seeking assurances that his safety will be guaranteed while in custody;

- whilst welcoming news of the "opening" of East Timor in January 1989, nonetheless expressing concern about renewed reports of human rights violations in the territory since the arrests of October and November 1988.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 August 1989.

- Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action. If possible, send a telegram or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

- Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

  Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

  Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

  Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

- The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

- Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

- In Urgent Action cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly to prevent the ill-treatment of prisoners. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

- Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action coordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.